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## INDIA.

*Report from Bombay—Mortality—Bills of health issued.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports, December 24, as follows:

*Mortality of Bombay city for the week ended December 20, 1904.*

Plague deaths .....	102
Plague mortality per 1,000 .....	6.83
Smallpox deaths .....	25
Cholera deaths .....	1
Total deaths .....	729
Total mortality per 1,000 .....	48.85

The figures are higher in every case than at the same period last year, when plague deaths numbered 65, and the total deaths were 581. There has been a public warning issued by the health officer, asking the people of the city to be vaccinated, either primarily or secondarily, in view of what appears to be a threatened epidemic of smallpox.

I have the following transactions to report for the week ending to-day, December 24, 1904:

Bill of health No. 19, granted to British steamship *Thistleroy*, on December 17, with 28 officers and crew. The sanitary condition of the vessel was good, and the cargo taken from here was manganese ore, quite incapable of carrying infection. The crew's quarters were emptied and washed down with bichlorid and carbolic acid solutions. Destination, Philadelphia via Suez Canal. Every man on board was examined for fever and enlarged glands before the vessel sailed.

Sanitary certificate No. 67 (accompanying consular invoice No. 287 of 1904), was issued on December 19 for 197 bales of Pali wool, packed in naphthalene, shipped by Latham & Co., of Bombay, to Tattersfield & Co., of Philadelphia.

Sanitary certificate No. 68 (accompanying consular invoice No. 288 of 1904), was issued on December 19 for 150 bales of Jooria wool, packed in naphthalene, shipped by Latham & Co., of Bombay, to Tattersfield & Co., of Philadelphia.

Both shipments were sent per Anchor Line steamship *Circassia*.

*Reports from Calcutta—Plague and cholera.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, December 22, as follows:

No transactions at this port during the week ended December 17, 1904.

During the same week there were 108 deaths from cholera and 15 deaths from plague in Calcutta.

In Bengal, for the week ended December 10, 1904, there were 1,245 cases and 947 deaths from plague.

In India, during the week ended December 3, 1904, there were 22,340 cases and 17,728 deaths from plague, and during the week ended December 10, 1904, there were 20,869 cases and 17,439 deaths from plague.